

HOUSE BILL 271

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By: **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)**

Introduced and read first time: January 27, 2012

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Housing and Community Development – Disaster Relief Housing Program**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying the purposes of the Disaster Relief Housing Program in
4 the Department of Housing and Community Development; authorizing the
5 Department to continue to provide certain financial assistance after the
6 expiration of a state of emergency; and generally relating to financial housing
7 assistance during a disaster.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Housing and Community Development
10 Section 4–1902
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2006 Volume and 2011 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Housing and Community Development**

16 4–1902.

17 **(A)** The purpose of the Program is to provide financial assistance in [a State]
18 **AN AREA COVERED BY A STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED UNDER § 14–107 OF**
19 **THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE** or IN A federally declared disaster area to
20 rehabilitate or replace a primary residence to:

21 (1) a family whose primary residence was damaged or destroyed by
22 the disaster; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) a nonprofit entity that assists a family in rehabilitating and
2 replacing a primary residence destroyed by the disaster.

3 **(B) THE DEPARTMENT MAY CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL**
4 **ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF A STATE OF**
5 **EMERGENCY DECLARED UNDER § 14-107 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 June 1, 2012.